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CONVENTION ADDRESS OF BISHOP HART STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF THE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN IN THE PARISH

. Bishop Hart opened the 169th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania with prayer in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square at 5 p.m., Monday, May 4, 1953.

At the Mass Meeting held in the Church of the Holy Trinity at 8 p.m. the Bishop of the Diocese made his annual address to the Convention. He spoke of the growing work at the Cathedral Church of Christ in Roxborough, and praised the parishes which had overpaid their Missionary Quota, whereby the diocese was able to meet its obligations and its quota to the National Council; he announced the gift of "Druim Moir," the former home of the Late Mr. Samuel F. Houston, to be endowed as a home for clergymen and their wives, and praised the work of the Key Men in acting as liaison officers between the National Council, the Diocese and the Parish; he spoke of the appointment of a committee on the business administration of the Conference Center and the fact that the diocese has $49,853.13 set aside for the equipment and maintenance of the Center; he made an appeal for a Whitsunday offering for St. Thomas Church in West Philadelphia, and presented an analysis of statistics concerning confirmations in the past ten years. The entire address of the bishop will be printed in the Diocesan Journal; but we venture to bring to our readers a few very impressive paragraphs which were included in the portions read to the crowded church on Monday evening:

One of you wrote to me recently, "God's human family on this planet is going through the greatest test of its long historic struggle upward. The majority of mankind is still, Moslem, Buddhist, Hindu, pagan, crassly materialistic or atheistic. Only a minority is Christian by profession, and a minority of this minority takes its responsibilities really seriously. We have just passed through two world wars, which were sponsored by countries in which the Christian Church had been at work for centuries. The present cold war is even worse than former hot ones, and the Church of Christ is being laughed at and ill-treated as of no enduring significance in human affairs."

In the Saturday Review for February 25th there was an editorial entitled, "Has the Church Failed?" Mr. Norman Cousins, the distinguished editor of that periodical, contended that the Church had not yet found the means to make men move from theology to action—action that is morally effective and effectively moral." Mr. Cousins was concerned primarily with the fact that the Church had not been able, in this age of saturating frustration, to bring about some form of world government. He said, "Scientific progress has created an even greater challenge to spiritual man than it has to political man. If science has suddenly brought all peoples within a single small enclosure with the option to make it into a single battlefield or a single neighborhood, it has also brought about the supreme test for the world's great religions."

None of us would deny that unless the fundamental unity of mankind is expressed in effective action on a world scale, catastrophe will soon befall the whole human race. We need the Church so that common counsel, taken in God's presence, may be communicated from Christian to Christian across all barriers of nation, race, class or culture. But if this is to be done, it must be done in the local parish or it will not be done at all. A strong world Church will be one of strong parishes. Therefore, when we ask if the Church is what she should be, let us be specific and think in terms of our own parish.

The Church's job is to bind its people together in a vital, friendly and growing relationship with God and with their fellowmen. Its job is to take men where they live and help them to become the persons God intended them to be. And men and women live in parishes. They need God's grace and power to live a Christian life and that help comes to them through the worship, the sacraments and the fellowship of their parish. I believe in the Church because I know that God through His

OUR COVER

The Chapel of the Nativity, 2101 65th Avenue, Phila., formerly a chapel of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, was admitted to the Convention as a new parish.

Church releases the power to change human nature. Whenever the Church has been loyal and faithful to her trust, she has been a transforming power.

Think of your own parish in the light of the early Church as described in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Verse 1—"When the day of Pentecost came round, while they were all gathered together in unity of purpose"—a marked characteristic of the Christian fellowship was unity of purpose. Again verse 42—"They occupied themselves continually with the apostles' teaching, their fellowship in the breaking of bread, and the fixed times of prayer." There was unity of spirit. Again verse 32—"God has raised up this man, Jesus, from the dead; we are all witnesses of it." There was unity of witness. Unity of purpose, unity of spirit, and unity of witness—wherever you find a parish with those three characteristics, you find a vital Christian parish, a fellowship of the Holy Spirit. A young couple, whose little child had died recently, told me, "We could not have lived through this experience except for this parish." The psalmist cried out, "No man cared for my soul." (Ps. 142:4). I thank God that this young couple, newly confirmed, found a parish which is a company of those who care. We are told, (Acts 4:33) "Great was the power with which the apostles testified to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and great was the grace that rested on them all." The most effective way to carry out the Great Commandment to bear witness is to demonstrate a true fellowship.

The Revolving Fund

In the course of his convention address on Monday evening Bishop Hart expressed his gratitude for the generosity of the people in presenting the sum of $50,000 on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of his Consecration in October. This fund was to be used by the bishop as a revolving fund under his control. He reported that loans from this fund have been made as follows:

St. Nathanael's	$6,000.00
St. James, Prospect Park	15,000.00
St. Andrew's, Yardley	15,000.00
St. Andrew's, W. Vincent	12,500.00
A clergyman	850.00
Balance	$650.00

In Tuesday's session of the convention Mr. Robert T. McCracken presented to Bishop Hart an additional $50,000 to be added to this Bishop's Revolving Fund to be administered in the same way.

The following is the official result of the elections which took place in the Church House May 4 and 5, 1953.

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The Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese
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Mr. Ronald J. McCarthy, St. Andrew's Chapel, P.D.S.
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The Hon. Edward L. Van Roden, Christ Church, Media

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The Hon. Edward L. Van Roden, Christ Church, Media

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Commission for College Work

The Rev. Edward G. Harris
Mr. Eric A. McCouch, St. Thomas, Whitemarsh
Mr. Howard Kellogg, St. Christopher, Gladwyne

Address on Woman's Auxiliary Work

The principal "order of the day" at the Monday afternoon session of the Diocesan Convention was the report of the Woman's Auxiliary, which was made in the form of an address by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Beath, the president of the W. A. of the diocese. We quote in part as follows:

Looking back over the past year we feel that we have progressed steadily in our interpretation of our task as women of the Church and have taken very definite steps toward carrying out that interpretation. Following the directive of the Triennial meeting, we are thinking less in terms of organization, remembering that before we are members of any organization, we are members of the Church. And because the strength of the Church is the parish family, on that level we are broadening our thinking to the point of being willing to submerge our own plans in what is good for the whole family. The Christian Living Conferences gave us fresh insight into that point of view and new courage to live up to it.

It was said of the early church, "How these Christians love one another." Is it too much to claim this also for the women of this diocese? There is a spirit of joyousness, as we share a great and difficult task, which can have its source only, in the love which is God. Only in this spirit can we hope to carry on in a rapidly changing world.

Financially, the Woman's Auxiliary reported:

To Pennsylvania's Proportionate Share	$33,806.00
Specials	9,775.00
United Thank Offering 1952	37,415.00
Total	$80,996.00

Women as Delegates

A resolution was introduced in the convention to change the wording in Article IV of the Constitution of the Diocese which now reads "The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen," so that it shall read "The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Lay Persons."

A vote by orders was taken upon this resolution, which is intended to enable parishes to elect women as delegates to the Convention, and was adopted. Before this new provision of the Constitution goes into effect it must be ratified at the next meeting of Convention in 1954.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Department of Finance reported that all bills of the Diocese and its expectations to the National Council for 1952 have been paid in full. The Diocese had accepted $308,614 assigned by the National Council. This result was made possible by the overpayment of their "share" by 99 churches to the amount of $19,000.

The Committee on Financial Safeguards urged the importance of adequate insurance coverage on church properties by vestries.

The Department of Property reported the acquisition of land at Roelofs Station, Bucks County; St. Andrew's, West Vincent; and at Levittown. An Episcopal residence has been purchased at 7737 St. Martin's Lane and a house in Levittown for the missionary there.

The Department of Publicity reported that extra pages have been added to THE CHURCH NEWS and that the number of subscribers is steadily increasing.

The Field Department reported arrangement for six regional conferences in the diocese attended by 120 men from 40 parishes for the consideration of various phases of the church's work in parish, diocese, and throughout the world.

The Department of Missions has participated in extensive surveys to study the movements of population, and on the basis of this information has planned to meet the needs. This will be a continuing project.

The Department of Christian Education, in addition to its many regular projects and activities, was especially concerned with the Christian Living Conferences held in the diocese.

The Department of Christian Social relations reported upon its work among Displaced Persons, Church agencies, Urban Industrial Areas, social education, and community action.

The Church Foundation reported on the various funds which it holds and administers, real estate holdings, insurance, etc.

The Committee on the Fund for The Episcopate reported that the principal of the Fund stood at $294,470.74 as of December 31, 1952, and at $310,335.90 as of March 15, 1953.

The Commission for College Work reported on its concentrated work among students, including conferences and retreats, and appealed for an active interest on the part of clergy and parishioners located in or near college centers.

The Commission on Rectors' Salaries and Pensions reported that the number of aided parishes last year had been reduced to six, and now only four have need of the rector's salary being augmented to the canonical figure. The Commission urged upon vestries the necessity of every church keeping up to date the pension premiums due on their clergyman's salary.

The Rev. William P. C. Loane reported for the Commission on Music, enumerating the various projects which this commission had planned or participated in. The Rev. Arnold Purdie, Executive Director of the City Mission discussed the printed report of that body. Mr. Albert Nesbitt presented the work of the Philadelphia Council of Churches. Mr. Leon McCauley served as spokesman for the Seabury Press. Dean Gifford described the progress at the Philadelphia Divinity School, especially in connection with the new memorial building for class rooms and dormitories.

next news deadline is Sept. 1

National Council of Churches

Mr. Spencer Ervin, a lay delegate from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, presented the following resolution:

Whereas this Church is a constituent member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America;

And Whereas the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America is publishing statements and establishing policies opposed to the Faith and Order of this Church, and detrimental to its interests:

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that this 169th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania respectfully represents the foregoing to our National Council for such action as it may deem appropriate, and instructs the Secretary of this Convention to transmit to the Secretary of our National Council an attested copy of this resolution and its preambles.

The committee on resolutions considered the foregoing resolution and recommended that the same be referred to a committee to be appointed by Bishop Hart to consider the same and report at the next convention of this diocese for appropriate action.

Over 1,000 persons crowded the buildings and grounds of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, April 18, for the dedication of the new Bell Tower (shown in the picture) given by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE CENTER

The Bishop has appointed the following as a Committee of Business Administration for the Diocesan Conference Center: Mr. Lawrence Saunders, Convener; Mr. Townsend Munson, Secretary; Mr. Ledyard Heckscher, Mr. C. Wanton Balis, Jr., Mr. Stanley Griswold Flagg, Jr., Mr. Charles H. Woodward.

This Committee will draw up a tentative budget for the over-all operation of the Conference Center being given by Mr. and Mrs. Flagg when the same is turned over to the diocese. The Committee will also draw up a budget for the cost of equipping the house for use as a Conference Center and will also continue to stimulate interest in the diocese for contributions toward the Fund which we now have for the operation and maintenance of the Conference Center.

STREET FAIR AT BALA

This year's Street Fair at the Church of St. Asaph, Bala-Cynwyd, will be on Saturday, May 23rd from 2 until 9. Every department is working enthusiastically to make this year's event the great success that last year's Fair was.

The old horse sheds will be used for booths, with a prize for the best decorated one. Just like every other fair this one will feature all kinds of attractions for children, including pony rides and a big red fire engine. Games and of course candy, ice cream and soft drinks.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Holmes are general Co-Chairmen and the other chairmen include—Mrs. George Munson and Miss Anne Townsend—Bookstall. Miss Lynn Eger —Lemonade and Ice Cream. Mrs. Hedwig Coultes and Mrs. Conrad Barto—Home Baked Goods. The Sunday School will take care of the Children's Circle, Mrs. Charles Neville will be in charge. Mrs. J. Randall Williams and Mrs. William Nelly—Needlework. The Stir Up Club will have the White Elephants and the Wishing Well, Mr. Walter Schob is Chairman. The Plant Booth will be in the care of Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Wallis, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Liversidge, and Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Van Dusen. Second Hand Children's Clothing, Mrs. Franklin Chagan. Dinner—Mrs. Richard Estes.

THE YOUTH CONVENTION

Episcopal Academy was the center of activity for the youth of the diocese on Saturday, May 2nd. The theme of the Youth Convention was "Christian Youth Face National and World Problems." Lindley Hartwell, our representative to the Third World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore, India, and a student at General Theological Seminary; and Paul Miho, Hawaiian at Union Seminary were the headliners.

Newly elected officers of the Diocesan Youth Council are: Ruth McCuen, St. Andrew's, W. Phila., Chairman; Hay Wood, St. Luke's, Germantown, Vice Chairman, and Stephanie Frantz, Zion, Secretary. Bishop Hart installed the new officers at a very beautiful and impressive ceremony in the Chapel.

DATES AND PLACES FOR ORDINATIONS

May 9, Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets, Bishop Armstrong: John Frederick Hardwick.

May 9, St. Stephen's Church, Norwood, Bishop Roberts, Kenneth Charles Werner.

May 16, Grace Church, Mt. Airy, Bishop Roberts: James Egbert Imler, Jr., Frederick Victor Kettle, Joseph Headen Laird, Albert Allen Attenborough.

May 23, Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Bishop Hart: Walter Wink Hannum, George Ralph Kahlbaugh.

May 30, Church of the Holy Comforter, Aronimink, Bishop Hart: James Manchester Hindle.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO HELP ST. THOMAS CHURCH

You are doubtless aware of the fact that the special offering taken last Whitsuntide to aid St. Thomas' Church in West Philadelphia, which had been largely destroyed by a disastrous fire, reached the sum of less than $26,000, when we had hoped for a goal of $65,000. By action of the Diocesan Executive Council, a resolution was passed to make a second effort this coming Whitsuntide, May 24, 1953. Bishop Hart appointed the same Committee, Drs. Bomberger, Long and Niblo, to acquaint the Clergy and Parishes of the great need of completing the rebuilding of St. Thomas' Church and Parish House and plan for this special offering to be taken at Whitsuntide of this year. This notice is being sent out at this time so that sufficient time may be had for making plans for a more generous amount to be raised for this most important work that is being done so wonderfully well at St. Thomas' Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. LEVIS

A most beautiful service was held on the second Sunday after Easter in "Grace Church and the Incarnation" to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis, formerly rector of the church when it was located at Broad and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia; and now Rector Emeritus of Grace Church and the Incarnation. Many of his parishioners to whom he has endeared himself through the years as well as his new friends were there to do him honor and presented him with a purse.

Now eighty-one years of age, Dr. Levis still has the same loving and sympathetic understanding and a strength of purpose in serving the Lord, fulfilling the text of his first sermon, preached at the Church of the Incarnation fifty years ago. "And his servants shall serve him." Rev. 22-3.

HOUSE OF REST

Guests at the House of Rest are watching with enthusiastic interest, the progress the builders are making on the new addition, which is to bring them comfort and pleasure in a larger assembly room, and chapel, long needed and greatly desired.

The Board of Managers would like to express their appreciation for the generous contributions toward this project, and also their gratitude for the support of the Card Party on April 30th, and not forgetting "Thanks" to THE CHURCH NEWS for its monthly publicity.

CITY MERCANTILE LICENSE AND TAX FOR THE CLERGY

Mr. Robert T. McCracken, Chancellor of the Diocese, has advised the Bishop that in his opinion the constitutional guaranty of freedom of worship under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution prohibits the City from requiring a clergyman to obtain and pay for a license. The Chancellor regards this as an invalid attempt of the City of Philadelphia to license the practice of the ministry.

Nor does the Chancellor think that the 3 mills tax can be assessed and collected from clergymen. The mercantile license tax ordinance defines "business" to mean "the carrying on or exercising, for gain or profit," a profession or other business. Clearly, in the opinion of the Chancellor, the gratuities to a clergyman do not fall within the intendment of that language.

Woman's AUXILIARY

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

When on Ascension Day, Jesus Christ returned to His Father, He left His mission in the hands of twelve quite ordinary men. These men, however, developed quite extraordinary abilities —wonderful gifts of healing. Why? The people who lived with them day by day explained what was happening by saying this: "We took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." They had known Him, they looked for His return and they still had a sense of His presence.

Today our Lord leaves His mission in the hands of His church—in your hands and mine. Do we act and live as if we have been with Jesus? True, we have never seen Him but He has said, "Blessed are they who have not seen yet believe." How wonderfully He anticipated our difficulties but He does not force His way into any life. He stands at the door and knocks. It rests with each one of us to open the door in welcome to the living, loving Christ who has promised to be with us always, even unto the end of the world. Then with a sense of His real presence we may humbly and joyfully accept the commission to share the glad tidings of great joy with all people.

This is the last message I shall write as diocesan president, so may I take this opportunity of thanking, not only the women but also the men of the diocese for their loyal support, during these past six years; years of great privilege for me. For my successor I ask no better thing than that you will give her the same wholehearted cooperation which you have given me. Working together as a diocesan family, under God's guidance, in the great mission of the church we look with confidence to the years ahead.

Gratefully yours,
ELIZABETH C. BEATH

W. A. Retreat

A retreat sponsored by the Prayer and Worship Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese will open Monday, June 8, 5 p.m., and close Tuesday, June 9, at 3.15 p.m., at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue. The conductor of the retreat will be the Rev. Alfred H. Whisler. Make reservations at the W. A. office, 202 W. Rittenhouse Square. Send $5.00 in advance to Mrs. Welsh Strawbridge if convenient.

Address of Bishop Roberts

The 9th annual Corporate Communion and breakfast for all the women of the diocese was held on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, at Christ Church in Philadelphia. Bishop Armstrong was the celebrant.

Following the fellowship of breakfast in the Neighborhood House, the Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, former Bishop of Shanghai, gave a message that touched the hearts and minds of all present. His subject was the four songs, which St. Luke's Gospel alone has preserved: Mary's, Zacharia's, Simeon's, and the Angels'.

Mary's song, the Magnificate, Bishop Roberts spoke of as not only for the Mother of God; but a song for the human race, since the Incarnation exalts all humanity. Likewise, Zacharia's song, the Benedictus, reminding us of the people God chose to prepare His way; and Simeon's song, the Nunc Dimittis, continues: "prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel." The Gloria in Excelsis, the Angels' song: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men," (Luke 2:14) can never be forgotten.

Our generation, as no generation in history, has seen things come to pass such as bring unique and unprecedented opportunity. Opportunity to take our part in God's redemptive plan for the salvation of mankind; for the world, God in Christ, came to save. The four songs, taking root in our souls, can bring mighty things to pass in this urgent generation of ours to the glory of God.

Program Planning

September 30th has been chosen as Program Planning Day, and plans are being formed now, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Victor Perrin, to make this day a helpful one to parish Auxiliary Program Chairmen, Educational Secretaries, Presidents, those women who are concerned with the program and meetings of the branches. You who are interested are asked to save the date, marking it upon your calendar, and further information as to time and place will reach you later.

Interdenominational Institute

This inter-Church institute, sponsored by the Woman's Division of the Philadelphia Council of Churches, will meet this year on September 23-24 at the usual place, the First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets.

The national subject, "Spanish Speaking Americans," will be presented by the author of the basis book to be studied, John Scotford.

The foreign subject, is "Life and Task of the Church Around the World."

The speaker at the mass meeting following the dinner on the evening of the 24th will be Frank Laubach.

Convocation of Germantown Garden Day

Garden Day will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at 2 p.m. at Druim Moir, the estate of the late Mr. S. F. Houston, Willow Grove Ave. and Cherokee Street, Chestnut Hill. There will be delicious produce from Bucks County, candy, novelties and supper will be served. Transportation will be provided from Germantown Ave. and from St. Martin's Station on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

EUROPEAN FLOOD RELIEF

In response to the appeal of Bishop Hart for contributions to help victims of floods in Europe early in February, more than $10,000 has been forwarded through diocesan headquarters.

The secretary of the Holland Federation of Women Voluntary Workers wrote: "We 14,000 women of the Hague, thank you for your affection endowed on us. We have a proverb in Holland, 'First Aid is Double Aid,' and you belonged to the first. H. M. Queen Juliana said in her short radio speech on Sunday after the first week of distress: 'Whenever misery is suffered, blessing is near.' "

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Curriculum Planning Days

Attention rectors, superintendents, Church School teachers! It will soon be time to plan your Church School curriculum for the 1953-54 term. To help you choose from among the available courses those that will best meet the needs of your own Church School, the Department of Christian Education is again scheduling its annual Curriculum Planning Days. On these days you are invited to come to Room 30, look over courses, discuss your particular needs and problems, and on the basis of this work out your curriculum. The following dates have been designated for this purpose: May 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, June 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 16, and 17.

Please come by appointment only. Call or write for a date and time.

Summer Conferences — 1953

Diocesan Summer Youth Conference
(15-20 years of age)
Date: June 21st-27th
At: Haverford College
Cost: Approximately $25.00

Valley Forge Conference for Young People
(14-26 years of age)
Date: June 21st-27th
At: Valley Forge Military Academy
Cost: Approximately $24.00

Provincial Summer School of the Third Province for Church Workers
Date: July 13th-17th
At: St. Paul's, Lawrenceville, Virginia
Cost: Approximately $15.00

Conference of the Province of Washington
Date: June 14th-20th
At: Hood College, Frederick, Maryland
Cost: Approximately $33.00

Dr. Hunter Leads Area Conference

Representatives of diocesan Departments of Christian Education, Woman's Auxiliaries, and Laymen's work of the Dioceses of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Harrisburg, and Bethlehem attended a conference on Christian Education at Spring Mountain House, Schwenksville, Pennsylvania, April 19th-21st. This was one of forty-eight such conferences planned by the National Department of Christian Education. The Rev. David R. Hunter, director of the National Department of Christian Education, and Miss Mary Louise Villaret of the Leadership Training Division were the leaders. Working in small groups the members of the conference explored means of helping parishes to reckon realistically with basic educational purpose as parishes and in particular studied the "Parish Workshop" as an effective means. The findings of this conference will be basic in the planning of the Adult Committee of the department.

Fanny Hay Wood

Hay Wood Goes To Coronation

Mrs. Harold E. Woodward of St. Louis, Mo., National President of the G.F.S. will accompany five G.F.S. girls to the Coronation. They will be guests of the British G.F.S. The delegation will sail from New York on May 14th. They will visit the G.F.S. in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, besides visiting historic spots in England. One of the girls will be Hay Wood from this Diocese. Hay is the G.F.S. representative on the Youth Council and is a member of the National Youth Commission.

Provincial Youth Meeting

The Diocese of Pennsylvania was represented at this annual youth meeting by Ruth McCuen and Stanley Baldwin of the Youth Council, the Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, Chairman of the Youth Commission, and Miss Beryl M. Newman, Executive Secretary of the Department of Christian Education.

Representatives of the thirteen dioceses met at Claggett Conference Center in the Diocese of Maryland, April 16-18, 1953. The theme of their study program was, "The Gospel and Me."

Summer — In the Parish

The children are singing "Put away your books and papers, vacation time has come;" Mother and Dad are busily studying road maps and tourist guide books; the porch furniture is being put out; screens are being put up—summer is practically here! And with it come many opportunities for enjoyable, useful, interesting, and educational activities in the parish.

Think first of your *Church School.* Probably you won't want to continue it on exactly the same basis as in the winter. Both teachers and pupils will be out-of-town off and on throughout July and August. But, on the other hand, you don't want to say in effect to your Church School pupils, "It isn't very important to worship God in the summer; therefore, the Church School will not meet for two months." So why not have Church School classes meet by departments during the summer—that way there will always be enough children present for good group thinking, planning, and working. And use substitute teachers, each for a period of two or three weeks—the regulars will have a chance for a needed rest, vacations won't be interfered with, and the Church School will remain open.

A Vacation Church School should have a major place in the parish planning for summer. It's one of the best means we have for Christian Education of our children and offers an opportunity for many members of the parish family to contribute of their time and talents for a short-term project.

Summer is a good time to organize that *Junior Choir* you've been thinking about. The children will have abundant time to practice and will enjoy coming together regularly to sing—just for the fun of it.

Is there someone in the parish family or neighborhood who can really enjoy a good story with children? Why not offer the parish house for regular *story hours?* The children will probably "come arunning" and enjoy every minute of it.

But in planning for the summer, don't think only of the children. Consider your teen-agers and adults, too. *Summer conferences* are high on the list of activities for both of these groups. (See the list elsewhere on this page). Encourage as many as possible from your parish to attend—they will find a conference an inspiring way to

spend a part of their summer and will bring back much to the life of the parish as a result.

Any *repairs needed* around your church and parish hall? Was there ever a church that couldn't use some sprucing up by the end of a busy winter? Don't reach for that phone to call the nearest carpenter, painter, etc. Let the youth, the young adults, the parents, anyone who's interested plan and carry through that "clean-up, fix-up paint-up" campaign. Most of it they can do themselves, and they'll have a great deal of fun in the doing.

Small neighborhood study groups present wonderful possibilities during the summer months when families aren't quite so involved and busy as during the winter.

Encourage the families in your parish to use the summer as an opportunity to do things together as families. Give them all the help they need for *family study and worship*—both while at home and when on vacation. Encourage *visits to local historic places and spots of natural beauty*. Perhaps several families will want to plan such things together. Also for groups of families—*the family picnic*—and here's an opportunity to worship out-of-doors.

Plan now for summer—and may it be a time of real growth for all the members of your parish family!

YOUTH
SUMMER CONFERENCE
(*Senior High*)
June 21st-27th
Haverford College

The education of our youth is the responsibility of the total parish.

HOW MANY ARE YOU SENDING?

Programs have been sent to every parish. Additional ones are available in Room 30. Some scholarship aid is also available.

MANY WILL ATTEND HOOD COLLEGE CONFERENCE

Attendance at the Conference of the Third Province at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, seems very promising as THE CHURCH NEWS goes to print. Already delegations of three or more are expected from St. Andrews, Yardley; Holy Trinity, West Chester; St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill; St. Thomas, West Philadelphia; Incarnation, Morrisville; St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland; Incarnation, Drexel Hill; St. Peter's, Glenside, and Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Recent visitors to Philadelphia are among the distinguished faculty at Hood this year which will include Mrs. Dora Chaplin, Canon Theodore O. Wedel, The Rev. Reuel L. Howe, and the Rev. David R. Hunter, new director of the National Department of Christian Education. For those who attended the Christian Living Conferences in the Diocese, the 1953 theme will have especial meaning: "The Redemptive Fellowship; A Study in How a Parish Works."

As in other years, call Room 30, Church House, for programs and further information. And for those without rides call Helen McHenry at St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill (CH 7-0359).

Come, join the growing crowd: Ken Anthony, Jesse Anderson, Bill Epps, Lily and Charles Myers, the Lee Richards, Helen McHenry, Joe Tatnall, Bob Back, Peggy Wood, Charles Ehly —and you?

Y.P.F. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Young People's Fellowship in Province III will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, 1953. This year's conference will be held at the Peterkin Conference Center at Romney, West Virginia.

The theme of the conference will be "Youth Faces God," a continuation of the theme of the National Youth Convention held last September at Boston. A special emphasis will be placed on "Youth Faces God in Prayer," one of the areas considered at the National Youth Convention.

There is fun and recreation as well as work and study as will be seen by this picture snapped at last year's Y.P.F. Conference.

The total cost per person for the Conference will be $4.00. Information may be obtained and reservations made through Mr. Fred L. Davidson, St. James', Kingsessing, who is Provincial President of the Young People's Fellowship. Mr. Davidson's telephone number is BE 6-2844.

An automobile "caravan" will leave for the conference early on Friday, May 15; there is sufficient space for a number of delegates from our diocese.

THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

The annual Academy Service for the Alumni, parents, faculty, students, friends of the Episcopal Academy was held on Sunday, April 19th at 4:00 at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. The Reverend James A. Pike, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, New York, preached the sermon.

In the absence of Dr. J. Clemens Kolb, the Academy Chaplain, the Reverend Thorne Sparkman, a Trustee of the Academy, and Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, conducted the service. Dr. Greville Haslam, Headmaster, read the scripture lesson. The Academy's fifty boy choir, under the direction of Hugh H. McClelland sang. Officers of the Alumni Society served as ushers for the capacity crowd. The boys, faculty, trustees, marched into the Church as a body.

During April, the annual Home Concert of the Upper School Glee Club and the Middle School Hundred was held in the Academy Gymnasium before a capacity crowd. The Domino Club, the School's Dramatic organization, presented Arsenic And Old Lace. The Fifth Form gave its annual Dance.

Alumni Day was held on Friday, May 8th. Highlights of the program included a memorial chapel service and an annual meeting of the Alumni Society; its members being invited for dinner afterwards.

In April the Chapel speakers included: Bishop Hart; Bishop Roberts, retired Missionary Bishop of Shanghai; Reverend J. H. Hauser; Reverend W. H. Jefferys. In May the chapel speakers will include Reverend J. C. Roak; Reverend J. H. A. Bomberger; Reverend W. N. Parker; and Reverend J. C. Kolb.

In the DIOCESE

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

At the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook, on Palm Sunday night, Gaul's "Holy City" was presented by the choir of that parish augmented by additional singers together with violin, cello and harp.

The Benjamin Franklin Consistory choir assisted the choir of the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, in the rendition of Stainer's "Crucifixion" on the night of Palm Sunday.

In Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, on Palm Sunday morning, accompanied by Philadelphia Orchestra violinist, Frank Costanzo, the choir sang, "Thy Glory Dawns, Jerusalem!"

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, under the leadership of Mrs. Birchall Hammer, organized a benefit bridge party, at the Old York Road Country Club for the benefit of the Chapel Building Fund of the House of Rest for the Aged, 5919 Wayne Avenue, Germantown.

The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary have procured new tables for the nursery department of the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square. Members of the Men's Club helped in the installation of new kitchen equipment purchased with proceeds of a parish fair.

New red cushions for the sanctuary were recently procured for All Souls' Church for the deaf, 3226 N. 16th Street, Philadelphia. Extensive repairs and renovations have been made at the rectory.

The Rev. Herbert Hawkins, O.H.C., recently conducted a Quiet Evening for Men at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, from 5 to 9 on a Saturday evening. Dinner was served by St. Mary's Guild of the parish.

Mrs. Paul O'Gorman has been made organist at the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough, succeeding Mrs. John Michelson.

The Y.P.F. of St. Faith Church, Brookline, recently entertained the parish choir at a Sunday evening supper meeting.

The boys' choir of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, sang "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death," Cantata No. 4 by J. S. Bach, in the Grand Court at the John Wanamaker store on Good Friday afternoon.

The Junior Choir Festival of the diocese was held at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets, April 26th. The music was under the direction of Newell Robinson, of the Philadelphia Divinity School and organist and choirmaster at Grace Church, Mt. Airy. Ruth Flower, organist and choirmaster at St. Peter's Church, Glenside, was general chairman.

The Baccalaureate Service for the graduating class of the School of Nursing of Jefferson Medical College was held April 29 in the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 13th Street below Spruce, with the sermon by the Rector, the Rev. Walter M. Haushalter.

Book shelves provided by Mr. George Wharton Pepper and his generous gift of books have been set up in the sitting room of the Parish House of St. David's Church, Radnor. There are Bible Commentaries, Church History, Biography, Theology, Devotional Writings, Expository Writings, etc. This will be the nucleus of a parish library.

The Rev. John H. Hauser, rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, preached at five noon-day Lenten Services in St. Peter's Church, Albany, where Governor Thomas E. Dewey is a vestryman.

On Eastar Day Bishop Armstrong dedicated eleven windows at the Alumni Memorial Chapel of St. Cornelius at the Valley Forge Military Academy, honoring the war dead of the Academy's alumni.

Films and exhibits on the work of the Pennsylvania Bible Society are available for church gatherings. Arrangement should be made through the office of the Society at 701 Walnut Street, Phila. 6, Pa.

Several women of St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, compiled an up-to-date address list for men and women of the parish in the Armed Forces, and sent Easter cards to them.

The first project of a newly organized group at All Saints' Church, Rhawnhurst, known as the "Monday Nighters" was a square dance arranged for Saturday evening, April 18.

A recording was recently made of the chimes in the tower of Christ Church, Second Street above Market, at 3.30 a.m. This hour was chosen to eliminate the usual street noises of trucks and trolleys. Records are available at the office of Christ Church.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, held a Corporate Communion on the Feast of the Annunciation for surrounding Parishes in Lower Bucks County. A large representation from both Morrisville and Solebury attended. Buns and coffee were served in the Parish House after the service.

Miss Isabel Johnson, who has been a member of the clerical staff at the Church House for 26 years, has resigned that position to work in the office of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 330 S. 13th Street.

The Rev. Harry S. Longley, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, addressed the Holy Week meeting of the Philadelphia Rotary Club at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on the subject: "Is It To Be God or Not?"

Bishop Hart addressed the Philadelphia Shrine Luncheon Club during Holy Week on "Bearing Life's Burdens."

The Young People's Fellowship of St. James Church, Evansburg, recently served as host at a Sunday evening meeting for young people from Epiphany Church, Royersford, who are organizing a Fellowship group.

The Girls' Friendly Society of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, celebrated the 15th anniversary of its organization on March 15. Eight new members were admitted. The senior branch members are making baby garments for the maternity ward of the Philadelphia General Hospital.

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DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS MERGE

For many years the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Pennsylvania has published its own organ of publicity, known as *The Calendar*. Beginning in October this will be incorporated into THE CHURCH NEWS, thus giving our readers advance notice of the doings, meetings, etc. of the Woman's Auxiliary, along with notes from the chairmen of various Departments of the Auxiliary.

The request for the combination came from the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, and it arose from the feeling that such an arrangement would eliminate duplication, save money and effort, and make for a greater feeling of unity within the Diocese.

THE CHURCH NEWS extends a cordial welcome to *The Calendar*. Our pages will be enriched and we shall find a larger circle of interested readers, and thus extend our service to the people of the diocese. Your subscription to THE CHURCH NEWS, at no advance in price, will now give you expanded news; so look for *The Calendar* among these pages in October.

PARISH SUBSCRIPTION LIST

The following parishes and missions in the Diocese are maintaining group subscriptions to THE CHURCH NEWS. It is our hope that all others will soon be included in this list.

Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia
All Saints, Crescentville
All Saints, Wynnewood
Atonement, Morton
Atonement, Philadelphia
Christ and St. Michael, Germantown
Christ Church, Pottstown
Christ Church, Ridley Park
Crucifixion, Philadelphia
Emmanuel, Quakertown
Epiphany, Sherwood
Good Shepherd, Germantown
Holy Comforter, Aronimink
Holy Communion Chapel
Holy Trinity, West Chester
Huntingdon Valley Chapel
Incarnation, Drexel Hill
Our Saviour, Jenkintown
Prince of Peace Chapel
Redeemer, Bryn Mawr
Resurrection, Mayfair
St. Alban, Newtown Square
St. Ambrose, Philadelphia
St. Barnabas, Haddington
St. Bartholomew, Wissinoming
St. George, Ardmore
St. George, West Philadelphia
St. Giles, Stonehurst
St. James, Bristol
St. James, Hestonville
St. James, Langhorne
St. John, Compass
St. John, Cynwyd
St. John the Evangelist, Essington
St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne
St. John the Evangelist, Philadelphia
St. Luke, Eddystone
St. Luke, Germantown
St. Luke and the Epiphany
St. Martin, Oak Lane
St. Mary, Hamilton Village
St. Mary, Wayne
St. Matthew, Francisville
St. Matthias, Philadelphia
St. Paul, Doylestown
St. Peter, Glenside
St. Stephen, Norwood
St. Thomas, Whitemarsh
Trinity, Coatesville
Trinity, Gulph Mills
Trinity, Oxford
Trinity Memorial, Philadelphia
Trinity, Swarthmore

THE VESTRY HONOR ROLL

We are glad to print the list of parishes and missions whose vestrymen have sent in their personal subscriptions to THE CHURCH NEWS. Bishop Hart is anxious that all vestrymen read it regularly.

Advent, Kennett Square
All Saints, Wynnewood
Calvary, Germantown
Calvary, Northern Liberties
Calvary, Rockdale
Christ, Philadelphia
Christ, Pottstown
Christ, Ridley Park
Christ, Upper Merion
Christ and St. Michael, Germantown
Covenant, Philadelphia
Crucifixion, Philadelphia
Emmanuel, Holmesburg
Epiphany, Germantown
Epiphany, Sherwood
Gloria Dei, Philadelphia
Good Samaritan, Paoli
Grace Church and The Incarnation
Hard of Hearing Chapel
Holy Apostles Chapel, Penn Wynne
Holy Comforter, Aronimink
House of Prayer, Philadelphia
Huntingdon Valley Chapel
Incarnation, Drexel Hill
Messiah, Gwynedd
Redeemer, Springfield
Redemption, Philadelphia
St. Alban, Olney
St. Andrew, West Vincent
St. Asaph, Bala
St. Christopher, Gladwyne
St. Cyril, Coatesville
St. George, Ardmore
St. James, Green Ridge
St. James, Kingsessing
St. James, Langhorne
St. James, Perkiomen
St. James The Less
St. John, Concord
St. John, Cynwyd
St. John, Norristown
St. John the Evangelist, Philadelphia
St. Jude and the Nativity, Plymouth Meeting
St. Luke, Eddystone
St. Luke, Newtown
St. Mark, Philadelphia
St. Martin, Oak Lane
St. Paul, Chestnut Hill
St. Paul, Oaks
St. Paul, Overbrook
St. Peter, Germantown
St. Peter, Great Valley
St. Simeon, Philadelphia
St. Simon the Cyrenian
St. Stephen, Wissahickon
The Saviour, West Philadelphia
Trinity, Coatesville
Trinity, Gulph Mills
Trinity, Oxford
Trinity, Swarthmore
Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge

BOY SCOUTS AT CALVARY, GERMANTOWN

Boy Scout week was celebrated by Troop #4 and a few members from three other troops attending the 11 o'clock service at Calvary Church, Germantown. At one point in the service the Scout Master, Mr. Joseph C. Tudgay, who is a communicant of Calvary Church, conducted a special ceremony from the chancel steps. Six of the choir boys are members of the troop and came down from the choir to participate in this ceremony.

The Boy Scouts grouped around the Scout Arbor which bears the Scout Emblem—the familiar Eagle and Shield. As the boys joined in the Scout Oath, Mr. Tudgay lighted the three candles at the top of the Arbor representing the 3 parts of the Scout Oath. On a shelf below the Emblem stood 12 candles which represented the 12 points of the Scout Law. These were lighted one by one by 12 of the Scouts and after lighting a candle, each boy pronounced one of the Scout Laws. Following this the Scout Master gave a short prayer which ended the ceremony.

DIOCESAN LIBRARY OPEN DURING SUMMER

The Diocesan Free Library at the Church House is open all summer. Books on all religious subjects may be taken out at any time, or for the entire summer. They are free to all clergy and laity and must be checked out and in at the Information Window, or with the Librarian, Room 37, where the catalogue is located.

New books purchased since the last issue of THE CHURCH NEWS are:

Paul and His Interpreters—Albert Schweitzer
The Gospels, translated into modern English—J. B. Phillips
Action in the Liturgy—Walter Lowry
Interpretation of the Fourth Gospel—C. H. Dodd

CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM TO PEOPLE OF JEWISH BACKGROUND IN THIS DIOCESE

By

The Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong

Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania

The First Annual Meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Association for Promoting Christianity among the Jews was held on December 26, 1858. The Association was active until 1875, during which time the Rev. Louis C. Newman was our Missionary. The work seems to have lapsed until 1905 when the Jewish Committee of the Clergy Missionary Association was formed. This Association carried on our work until 1912. In 1912, by resolution of Diocesan Convention, work among the Jewish people was officially recognized by the Diocese which formed the Committee for Work among the Jews—employing the Rev. Andrew Weinstein as Missionary. When he died in 1915 no one was found to take his place. In 1917 the Rev. L. N. Caley was elected Chairman of the Diocesan Jewish Committee and held that office until 1930.

In 1917 Mr. John L. Zacker, a Hebrew Christian, and his Gentile wife started work at the "Hear O Israel Mission" at 3rd and Reed Streets in St. John's Parish House. From February 25, 1922, until 1925 the Hebrew Christian Synagogue carried on in the Rectory of the Church of the Advent at 517 North 5th Street. In 1928 Mr. Philip Shapiro, a Lay Reader, and Miss Mary Ormsby operated the Hebrew Christian Synagogue at 517 York Avenue. In 1930, upon the death of the Rev. Mr. Caley, the Rev. C. H. Reese became Chairman of the Committee. The work continued under him until 1942. In 1942 the work was transferred to the Parish Hall of St. Jude and the Nativity at 11th and Mt. Vernon Streets but died out in 1943.

On January 1st, 1950, Bishop Hart appointed Mr. George Benedict, a former Rabbi and a communicant of our Diocese, as our Lay Missionary to the Jews. Since that time Mr. Benedict and Mrs. Benedict have carried on this work in the Religious Brotherhood—a Brotherhood of Christians and Jews meeting under Mr. Benedict's leadership in his home at 5372 Wingohocking Terrace, Germantown. In 1951 Mr. Benedict wrote and published "On the Judeo-Christian Road" which is available to both Christians and Jews.

The picture which is printed with this article was taken at a meeting of the Religious Brotherhood held on March 17, 1953. It was a special meeting held in memory of the late William H. Jefferys, M.D. who was for many years the head of City Mission. Seventy-five persons were present, including a goodly number of Jews many of whom are now Christians as a result of the very devoted work of Mr. Benedict our Chaplain for Jewish Work. Dr. Jefferys was one of the earliest friends of Mr. Benedict in his work. Mr. Benedict has been engaged in his great enterprise for many years—at first being supported interdenominationally but he has come to believe that his most effective ministry can be in introducing Jewish Christians into our Communion by baptism and confirmation to become communicants and members of parishes. Many children and adults have been received and have become integrated into parish life.

George Benedict and Bishop Armstrong front row center.

Mr. Henry Goldberg is President of the Religious Brotherhood. Dr. Sidney J. Lerner is Vice-President, Mr. Harry B. Reinhart is Treasurer and Mr. James L. Billingslea is Secretary. The Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, the late Samuel Houston, Esq., and Mr. James Ashbrook are among the many people of our Diocese who have been deeply interested in this work. Shortly after Mr. Benedict was appointed the Rev. Alfred Price invited him to conduct a week's mission in St. Stephen's Church which was well attended by both Christians and Jews and it provided an excellent start for Mr. Benedict's fine work in our Communion. Those of us who have read Mr. Benedict's "Christ Finds a Rabbi" will have some understanding of the splendid impact that Mr. Benedict is able to make upon both Christians and Jews.

It is heart-warming to realize that this ancient Diocese has, for so long, accepted this phase of our responsibility to "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." You are asked to have this work, and especially Mr. Benedict, in your prayers that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may be made known.

IN THE DIOCESE

The Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, rector of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Council of Churches at its annual meeting.

The Chief of Air Force Chaplains has invited the Rev. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, to be a member of a Protestant mission team to visit U.S. Air Force bases in Europe from March 1 to April 21, 1954. The vestry of St. Stephen's has given the rector permission to accept this opportunity for service.

103 men and 25 women have united together on different committees to work for the erection of a parish house for All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, that will be adequate for many years to come.

At the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, the Martha Washington Guild conducted a bazaar in connection with the Dogwood Festival. Proceeds will be used to help pay for a new pipe organ.

The Girls Friendly Society of the diocese held its annual service in St. Mark's Church, Frankford, April 8; Junior Day at St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, April 25; the annual meeting at St. Stephen's Community House, 10th Street above Chestnut, May 6. The G.F.S. annual picnic and bazaar will be held at the Y.P.F. House, Whitemarsh, May 23.

Calvary Church, 814 N. 41st Street, is trying to raise $50,000 for vital and necessary repairs to the church and enlargement of facilities for recreational and youth work.

The Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, Plymouth Meeting, needs kitchen dishes and silverware. If any parish is discarding such equipment, please communicate with Mrs. John Thompson, 4023 S. Warner Road, Barren Hill, Pa. Phone Plymouth Meeting 3-3174.

Mrs. David Hershberger has given up her position as parish visitor at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, has given $175.00 to furnish a room in the dormitory building at the Philadelphia Divinity School. The money was made in a rummage sale held at Christ Church, Pottstown.

DEAN OF N. Y. CATHEDRAL AT TRINITY CHURCH, OXFORD

The Very Rev. James A. Pike, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, will address a meeting in the parish house of Trinity Church, Oxford, Rising Sun Avenue and Disston Street, Philadelphia, on Friday, May 22, at 8 P.M.

Dean Pike is one of the outstanding preachers and scholars of our church. He is in constant demand as a speaker throughout the church and in educational institutions. His willingness to accept this speaking engagement is a privilege for every member of the diocese.

The meeting is sponsored by the Parent Teachers' Association and a cordial invitation is extended to the members of all parishes and their friends to be present on May 22.

Dean Pike

Mrs. Joseph Lesak has been made choir director and organist at the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22nd and Morris Streets.

The members of the Altar Committee of St. George's Church, Ardmore, have presented the rector with a silver private Communion service.

Calvary Seaside House, located at Stone Harbor, which is operated by Calvary Church, Germantown, for boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age, has need of a young woman to serve as assistant counsellor. Communicate with Miss Sarah R. Krauth, Phone: Michigan 4-2428.

The Altar Guild of St. Paul's Church, Aramingo, has purchased a new cabinet for the sacristy of the church.

Mr. Ernest H. Brown, who serves at the altar of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, at the early services of Holy Communion, was recently the recipient of a communication from the parish congratulating him on 50 years of continuous service in this capacity.

Mr. Harry S. Huber recently gave a demonstration of rug weaving at a meeting of the Men's Club of St. John's Church, Lansdowne.

St. John's Chapel in St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets, is being renovated and refurnished with new wood work and windows.

The Altar Guild and the Church School of the Chapel of the Holy Apostles, Penn Wynne have each contributed $100 to help defray the cost of plastering walls in the building.

This spring the students of The Philadelphia Divinity School went on two afternoon field trips, arranged and supervised by Faculty members, to St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, and to the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. The enterprise proved valuable to the students, academically, and all were gratified by the courtesy and friendliness extended by the Schools visited.

Mrs. F. R. Flounders, of Jenkintown, has become principal of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and holds a degree of Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Teachers' College, Columbia University.

The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania held its annual service in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, on May 9. The Rev. E. A. deBordenave, rector of Christ Church, preached the sermon. A decoration in the form of a Huguenot Cross was presented to Bishop Hart.

"The Rector's Guild" of the Church of the Epiphany, Royersford, has been reorganized into a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Leonard Treichler, of Spring City, is the new president.

Miss Lucille Clarke, after two years as director of public relations for Christ Church, 2nd Street, has been relieved of that position because the parish no longer could afford her services. The rector says: "Her activities involved her in many relationships and through her work the influence of Christ Church reached countless people."

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

An enthusiastic Lenten meeting of the Church Periodical Club opened with a devotional period conducted by Bishop Armstrong. The current project of the Club is to send required text books to a mission school at Calarian, Philippine Islands, for the first four grades to enable continuance of the school under government requirements for Church Schools. Twenty-five new hymnals and prayerbooks have been furnished to St. Thomas Church, West Philadelphia. In response to a request of Bishop Gordon, books and church magazine subscriptions have been sent to Alaska.

There are now active branches in 35 parishes and missions in the diocese, including 4 recently activated as a result to a communication recently sent to rectors and vicars. Every parish and mission should have at least one Church Periodical Club representative and alternate. Meetings are held in the Church House on the 4th Friday of each month at 10.30 a.m. For further information address Mrs. Charles W. Norton, Director, Church House, 202 W. Rittenhouse Square, Phila. 3, Pa.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Nov. 30, 1923, Bishop Garland ordained to the diaconate the Rev. George S. McKinley, who is now retiring as rector of St. John's Church, Compass, and vicar of Ascension Mission, Parkesburg.

In 1923 the Rev. B. Janney Rudderow was appointed vicar of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, 22nd and Spruce Streets. His successful ministry led to a change in the status of this church, which is now the Memorial Church of the Trinity, an independent parish, with Mr. Rudderow as its first rector, since 1948.

ST. PHILIP-IN-THE-FIELDS

Representatives of the Church of St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland, are participating in a religious census of the community under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

A self-analysis of this congregation shows about 180 families. Husband and wife average 37 years of age. There are about 600 individuals listed as attending, of who 48% are under 20 years old. The average age of the children is 7 years. Among the children there are a few more boys than girls.

PROFESSOR MATTHEWS TALKS ON AFRICA

The congregation of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, had the rare and interesting experience of hearing Professor Zachariah K. Matthews who is spending a year at the Union Theological Seminary, teaching in the area of interpretation of the Christian religion and life of the Churches of the African Continent. He is at the Seminary under a grant by Henry W. Luce.

Professor Matthews, a native of South Africa, is Professor of Social Anthropology, Native Law and Administration, and Head of the Department of African Studies at South African College, Fort Hare. He holds the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. from the University of South Africa, M.A. from Yale University, and did postgraduate work in anthropology at London University.

Professor Matthews is one of the most distinguished scholars of his race, a man who, as a member of the South African Native Representative Council and Union Advisory Board on Native Education, has held the highest offices open to a native South African. He is a member of the African National Congress.

He is the author of a number of articles on South African racial and political questions. His latest work, entitled "The African Response to Racial Laws," appeared in "Foreign Affairs" in 1951.

A QUIET EVENING

At St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa., there will be a Saturday Quiet Evening, May 23rd from 4:30 to 9:00. Conductor: The Rev. Vincent F. Pottle. Please register early with the Sister-in-Charge, Victor 4-4612.

Another new church under construction. St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton.

CHARLES LAUGHTON READS

When Charles Laughton walked out on the stage of the Academy of Music on April 17th, lugging a pile of books and peering over the top of his horn-rimmed glasses, his casual "Hello" unleashed a flood of artistry and charm which held his audience enthralled for a full two and a half hours.

Few entertainers today would have the skill or the courage to undertake an entire evening of solo readings, unassisted by external trappings to help glamorize the situation. Mr. Laughton does his stint in front of the auditorium's curtain, using only two nondescript tables, a small stool, some brilliant lighting, and a microphone, achieving his success by sheer inate mastery of the art of story telling.

His varied program, which opened with a few ice-breaking doggerels and some amusing James Thurber fables, included a beautiful excerpt from Thomas Wolfe's "Of Time and the River," a lengthy series of scenes from "Little Dorrit," Hans Christian Andersen's "The Emperor's Nightingale," one of the Devil's speeches from "Don Juan in Hell," the drama of the Fiery Furnace from the Book of Daniel, and the unforgettable Gettysburg Address.

"An Evening with Charles Laughton" was presented under the sponsorship of the Committee on the Fund for the Episcopate, to whom the community owes a great debt of gratitude for making this memorable event available. Those who were present thrilled to enchantment of one of those rare experiences in many seasons of theater going.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS

An annonymous donor has given $1,000,000 to the Diocese of Indianapolis to be used in furthering the church's work within the diocese. The Rt. Rev. Richard A. Kirchhoffer, bishop of the diocese, said the donation was made by a "faithful communicant of the church."

IN THE DIOCESE

The annual Quinquagesima Worship Service of the Diocesan Y.P.F., held at the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, was attended by about 350 young people.

The Rev. Edward W. Battin, vicar of St. James Church, Green Ridge, and St. John's Church, Concord, recently addressed the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Chester, on "Diocesan Missions."

IN THE DIOCESE

Y.P.F. groups from St. Thomas, Whitemarsh; Grace, Mt. Airy; St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, held combined meetings at the end of Lent to discuss the Parables of Jesus. Each Sunday evening there was a sermon on one of the parables by a clergyman, followed by discussion.

David Kraskow, representing Nezinner Synagogue, spoke at Gloria Dei Church. This followed a previous occasion when the rector of Gloria Dei spoke to the people of the synagogue during Brotherhood Week.

The Young People of St. Paul's Church, Chester, recently held a joint meeting at Green Ridge with the Young People of St. James Church.

New pews have been procured for St. Faith Church, Brookline, to replace chairs and a miscellaneous assortment of pews previously used for seating arrangements in the church.

At St. Andrew's Church, 36th and Baring Streets, a study group began the study of "The Holy Scriptures" under the leadership of Mr. Kermit L. Lloyd, a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School. This group will be continued during the remainder of the spring and will be resumed in the fall with different seminarians conducting it.

The Colonial Society of Pennsylvania asked that Christ Church, 2nd and Market Streets, hold a service on March 15 to commemorate Pennsylvania Charter Day.

Native African students who are attending Lincoln University participated in a panel discussion arranged by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. George's Church, Ardmore.

Mrs. Arthur Worthey, wife of the rector of All Saints' Church, Rhawnhurst, conducted a series of talks on "You and Your Bible" for the women of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.

When new pews were installed in St. Faith Church, Brookline, the old ones were given to the Chapel of the Holy Apostles, Penn Wynne, where they will continue their usefulness.

The Easter offering at St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, this year was given to the City Mission. Two weeks before the Rev. J. Arnold Purdie, Executive Director, had described to the parishioners the work of the City Mission.

Mr. Irvin Bauer has presented the Church School of All Saints' Church, Rhawnhurst, with Episcopal Church medals to be awarded to the child who brings a new member.

The Good Friday Three Hour Service at Christ Church, Second Street above Market, was broadcast over Radio Station WIP.

The Rev. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut, will be the headliner at the Conference of the Commission on Healing in Los Angeles, Cal., May 18 and 19. This is an official diocesan group composed of clergymen and medical doctors.

Bishop Armstrong opened with prayer the 7th Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Council of Churches recently at the Broadwood Hotel.

Two Sunday mornings in April open house for parents was held by the Church School staff of St. Christopher's Church, Gladwyne. Exhibits of work were displayed and an opportunity given for parents to meet teachers and discuss with them the progress of their children.

The choir of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Aronimink, under the direction of Niles Martin, sang a concert of sacred music in St. Ambrose Church, Howard and Ontario Streets, Sunday, May 10, at 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 1956. As one of the features of the celebration, a Centennial Fund of $100,000 is now being raised to extend the usefulness of the parish in diocesan missionary work and to expand parish facilities.

Louisa K. Schaefer Memorial Sacristy, Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg. Built of Brown Stone salvaged from the old Broad Street Station to match stone of Church.

Parents of Church School children at St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, have given a suitable graduation gift to Mr. Fred Franklin, student at the Philadelphia Divinity School, who has worked in this parish 2 years. After ordination he will start church work in a new community of the Diocese of Louisiana.

The Main Line Church School Association met at St. Faith Church, Brookline, April 27 with an interesting program on Curriculum Planning. Discussion groups were held to consider Church School materials at various age levels.

St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, has purchased a house on Route 401, about two miles from the church, which is now being renovated for use as a vicarage. A gift of books, as a nucleus for a parish library, has been given by Mrs. Walter Franklin. Kneeling benches have been installed throughout the church. A parking space for 100 cars has been provided for use of worshippers. New vestment closets have been built in the sacristy.

An extended meeting of the Parish Council of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, was held on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 8.30 a.m. with Holy Communion and continuing until 3 p.m. to consider plans for the work of the parish next year.

The Rev. Albert F. Fischer, rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, has been elected president of the Interdenominal Ministers' Union of Philadelphia and vicinity.

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IMPROVEMENTS AT CHRIST CHURCH HOSPITAL

Although our oldest church home for women was founded under the name of Christ Church Hospital 181 years ago, and has been housed in the present building for 92 years, it has just completed a comprehensive program of renovation and improvement to the physical property, which is still in sound condition and should continue to meet requirements for many years.

The work, involving plumbing, heating and facilities for housekeeping services, was started in the late summer of 1952. Although enlarged bathroom facilities have been provided on each floor, the redistribution of resident rooms enables the census to be maintained at between 50 and 60 residents. At the present time there are 58 residents representing 34 parishes and missions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. These ladies, ranging in age from the sixties to the nineties, live active and constructive lives and keep busy with hobbies and outside activities such as knitting for soldiers wounded in Korea. There are also many group activities within the home including a library, Chapel Altar Guild, Woman's Auxiliary, and a white elephant shop.

The name Christ Church Hospital is misleading; but in 1772 the founder, Dr. John Kearsley, stated that the home was to be so called "and not otherwise." The original management was to consist of six vestrymen of the "United Episcopal Churches of Christ Church and St. Peter's." It is still operating under the vestries of these two parishes; but in recent years the Board of Managers has been augmented by special committees with members of other parishes taking a very real part in the many details of the home, and the facilities are available to members of other parishes.

Christ Church Hospital, for many years, operated under what was then a most adequate endowment and had the reputation of being a rich institution. Income from endowment has not kept pace with advancing costs of maintenance and operation. The cost of improvements in plumbing, heating and services came within a few hundred dollars of the total estimated cost of the building when it was begun in 1857. To finance these improvements the Board of Managers has had to borrow the required funds, and it would seem that the most pressing problem in the immediate future is to bring the endowment fund into balance with present mounting costs of operation and services.

Although the home for many years was able to accept residents without financial aid, costs have now risen from $97 per month per resident in 1847 to approximately $120 a month in 1952. A portion of this increase is now being met by a boarding plan at the rate of $80 per month or by Old Age Assistance grants.

While Christ Church Hospital performs a diocesan-wide service without any aid from Diocesan funds, the management suggests that the members of the numerous parishes served should feel a responsibility and desire to see that their support be given through bequests from estates or actual gifts by the parishes. Several parishes have during the past year designated one of their offerings to the Hospital. One substantial gift last year was made by the son of one of the old residents of the Hospital who had lived there for a number of years until her death. The family had always been very appreciative of what had been done to make the mother's closing years happy and secure, and had regretted that their financial situation had not permitted them to contribute to her support during her life. Now family circumstances were improved and they wished to give something to the Hospital in appreciation of the care given their mother, and the hope that this money might aid in helping other aging women whose funds were limited or exhausted. The check was for several thousand dollars.

The Board of Managers and the Director of the Hospital are always glad to welcome interested members of the diocese at Christ Church Hospital, located at 49th Street and Monument Avenue.

Christ Church Hospital

CO-OPERATIVE SHOP GIFTS

Just before the Diocesan Convention met, Bishop Hart was notified that he had been given $250 toward his discretionary fund by the Founders' Committee of the Co-operative Shop. The same committee also sent additional sums to Dean Gifford, of the Philadelphia Divinity School totalling some $750.00.

HOSPITAL MAY FETE

The 11th annual Episcopal Hospital May Fete, under the auspices of the Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service, Unit #2, will be held on the Hospital grounds on May 27th.

The familiar decorated booths, and the gala carnival atmosphere assure a day of real enjoyment for the entire family. Many useful and decorative articles will be on sale, and there will be a variety of games and other amusements. The annual concert of the Kensington String Band in the evening will again be a feature attraction.

A snack bar will be open throughout the day, and delicious luncheons and suppers prepared by the volunteers will be served as usual in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence.

One particularly timely feature of this year's May Fete will be the Coronation Booth, featuring beautiful and useful souvenirs of many kinds.

Contributions in the form of new articles for sale, books suitable for resale, and "white elephants" will be gratefully received by the members of the League. These articles may be marked "May Fete" and left at Church House or at the Hospital.

For further information about the May Fete, those interested may contact Mrs. Harold V. Murdock, chairman, at Elmwood 7-1110.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. Paul G. Musselman, who served as rector of St. James Church, Downingtown from 1929 to 1937, has been named to head the new Division of Urban-Industrial Church Work for the National Council of the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Charles E. Green, rector of Trinity Church, Ambler, has been called as rector of St. Mary's Church, Wayne, to succeed the Rev. Henry Mitchell, who is soon to retire after having served the parish since 1924.

The Rev. Carroll M. Bates has resigned as rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Front Street, to serve as secretary of the American Church Union.

The Rev. John R. Wilkins has resigned as curate of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, to become rector of St. Andrew's Church, Trenton, N. J.

The Rev. Robert D. Morris, after 12 years as chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, has resigned to become Minister of Counseling and Research at the First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio. The Rev. Arthur G. Elcombe is the new chaplain at the hospital.

LEGACIES

Within the past year the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, has been the beneficiary of legacies from the estates of Mrs. Lily Meade, Mrs. Marie Maertens, Mrs. Anna Beck, Mrs. Helen Scheuing and Mrs. Florence Fort. At the Parish Meeting on January 26th, those present, by unanimous vote, expressed a desire that these gifts be placed in the Rectory Fund.

The sum of these five legacies is four thousand dollars. Unfortunately some of them cannot be paid in full because the donors failed to specify in their wills that the amounts bequeathed were not to be subject to the state inheritance tax of fifteen percent. For example, one gift of six hundred dollars was reduced to five hundred and ten dollars, because ninety dollars had to be paid to the state as tax.

It is urged, therefore, that anyone who plans to bequeath sums of money to our Parish should make sure that his or her will is so drawn that all such gifts will be free from state tax. The attorney or other person who draws up the will should be specifically instructed on this point, so that the donor's intentions may be fully carried out, and our Parish may receive the entire amount of the bequest.—*Epiphany Star.*

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BEQUESTS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS

Under the will of Miss Gladys Connelly, of Cornwells, who died June 30, 1951, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church received upwards of $30,000.

At All Souls' Church for the Deaf, 3226 N. 16th Street, a silver bowl for the communion table has been dedicated in memory of Jennette King Speece.

The Huntingdon Valley Chapel, Meadowbrook, has received a gift of two acres of land adjoining the chapel property. It will be used for additional parking space and Churchyard.

St. John's Free Church, Emerald and Elkhart Streets, has been given a baptismal shell in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Jennet and white altar vestments in memory of Dr. Walter Leopold Muspratt.

Books have been given to the parish library of St. Peters Church, Glenside, in memory of Mildred Davis Keyser.

A silver cross to be worn by the "Choir Boy of the Month" has been given to St. George's Church, Ardmore, in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Smith.

At the Church of the Redeemer, Andalusia, new violet pulpit and lectern falls were recently given as memorials to Mr. and Mrs. Clement R. Stackhouse.

At St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square, a processional cross has been dedicated as a memorial to the Rev. Crosswell McBee, who started this church in 1922. A white pulpit fall has also been given to St. Alban's in memory of Margaret Leute.

The Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church were named as beneficiaries under the will of Miss Ruth C. Kitchen, who died March 30.

At St. Peter's Church, Glenside, a white stole given in memory of Katherine Elizabeth Carliss was blessed on Easter Day. Also a fair linen given by the Altar Guild of the parish and a litany desk and book given by the Women's Bible Class.

At the Church of the Holy Innocents on Palm Sunday the following memorials were presented: Cross and Crown Window, Pearl M. Odgers; pair of three branch Candelabra, Theodore and Margaret Harris and Ella Bareiss; set of crystal cruets, Charles W. Boyd; Processional Cross, Dorothy Grace Gauer and Howard and Gertrude Burnside; Litany and Penitential Book in memory of girls in Church School Class.

A pair of crystal glass cruets has been given to St. George's Church, 61st and Hazel Avenue, in memory of Alice McMahon.

Members of the Church Guild of St. James Church, Kingsessing, recently voted the following contributions for items in the parish budget: $500 for current expenses, $100 for Sparks Building account, $50 for painting, $25 for kitchen lights.

In God's Keeping . . .

Mr. James Wilson, who died March 21, had served as a member of the vestry of Christ Church, 6th and Venango Streets, for 30 years and was Rector's Warden of the same parish for 16 years.

Miss Blanche C. Downie, for many years a member of the choir of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown and a worker in the Church School of that parish, died Mar. 24 and was buried by the rector Mar. 27.

Mr. Wallace G. Murfit, a vestryman of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, died Mar. 31 and was buried April 2.

The Rev. John Alleyne Howell, who served as vicar of St. Michael and All Angels' Home in Philadelphia from 1929 to 1937, when he retired, died at Glen Falls, N. Y., April 4 and was buried April 8.

The Rev. Rudolph Emile Brestell, rector emeritus of St. Paul's Church, Camden, N. J., died on April 21st and was buried from St. Paul's Church on April 27th. He was ordained priest in 1899 by Bishop Whitaker and served as assistant at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets; rector of Trinity Church, Ambler, and assistant at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, before going to Camden in 1905.

The Rev. George Robert Miller, retired, died on April 27th and was buried from St. Nathanael's Church, Allegheny Ave. and E Street, April 30th, with interment in Calvary Church Yard, Rockdale. A graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, he served as rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, from 1897 until 1903, and St. Nathanael's from 1903 until his retirement in 1941.

Miss Ruth Custis Kitchen, an active worker in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, died on Tuesday in Holy Week. She was one of the representatives of the Episcopal Church in the work of the Philadelphia Council of Churches, and was chairman of the Women's Department of that body.

The Rev. Hugh E. Montgomery, who served as rector of the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, from 1938 to 1944, died on April 7 at LaJolla, Cal., where he had been living since his retirement.

The Rev. Robert William Woodroofe, who served as rector of the Free Church of St. John, Philadelphia, from 1908 to 1911 and rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, from 1911 to 1912, died at Westhampton Beach, Long Island, February 20, 1953.

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The Far East Calls For Missionary Strategy

The Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue, Bishop of Pittsburgh, who returned in February from an extended trip through Japan and Korea, makes the following observations concerning the opportunity for Christianity in those countries:

After the war, I saw many bombed cities in Europe, but never have I seen anything slightly resembling the total destruction of what must have been a beautiful city (Seoul). Fighting for this city must have been one of the bloodiest battles of all time.

Yet, these Koreans are wonderful. They are full of fun and, without anything, are living in open caves and holes. In spite of intense cold, lacking adequate shelter and clothing, these cheery people carry on in the most abject and unbelievable poverty.

Along the mountainsides there are literally thousands of caves dug in where the native refugees are existing in the freezing cold weather. You can imagine what the health problem is as well as the problem of food and clothing. Yet, everyone here agrees that they are brilliant people by nature; but utterly lacking in confidence. This Oriental world needs a powerful leader.

We went to the Episcopal Church orphanage which in reality is run by the Church of England. You would be proud, you Episcopalians, of this orphanage. It is one of the most economically and best administered and disciplined in the whole of Korea. No money comes here from the American Church, although I would to God it did. It all comes from the Church of England, and they certainly are poor themselves. Anyone who glibly talks against missions and sees work like this should hang his head in ignorant shame. It is the Christian missionary spirit that is giving what stamina there is to the Oriental peoples, and if we back them enough, we will have a springboard from which to operate. That alone can save this vast conglomerate group of people from the domination of communism. The Koreans make wonderful Christians.

St. Luke's Hospital is the finest building of its kind in Tokyo, built by the Episcopal Church. It was confiscated by the Japanese during the war and is now operated by the Army. However, our beautiful chapel is still in our hands, although all other denominations are permitted to use it. The tradition is that the Chaplain in Chief is an Episcopalian. This chapel is worthy of special mention. It is a Gothic building attached to the hospital floor, being five stories high. Each hospital floor has a balcony looking into the chapel, so that men may be brought in beds and wheel chairs into these balconies, one above the other, and there attend the services. It was quite an experience to see the boys arranged in this manner.

I went with a group of missionaries in Tokyo to the theological seminary, where we met a number of the Japanese students. At the present time, we have about thirty young native men studying for the Episcopal ministry. More are coming all the time and the institution is continually improving. The seminary will be housed in its new

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The missionaries with whom I have talked here all admit that this is one of the most fertile fields in the world for Christianity, as these people have so many native qualities before they even start, qualities in greater degree than we generally have after we have been at it for several generations. Think how much more wonderful they could be with the supernatural power of Jesus Christ to guide them.

I went with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sayre, former Governor General of the Philippine Islands, to his home at St. Paul's (Episcopal) University on the outskirts of Tokyo. He is advisor to the Presiding Bishop on all missionary activity over here, and I was much impressed by his statesmanlike vision of what should be done in Japan. He is convinced that this is perhaps the most important spot on earth at the present and that the Japanese will have a profound influence in Asia. I certainly believe that our missionary work ought to expand and expand over here. I was told at the University what wonderful citizens Japanese Christians make. Add faith to the natural virtues of the Japanese and you really have power.

I am told that Japan is absolutely at loose ends as to where to go and what to do at the moment. General MacArthur was absolutely right when he asked the churches to send their missionaries to Japan after the war. Buddhism has almost no influence, as the Zen Buddhists were the military group who philosophized their way into a militarized nation and into the war. This, added to the state of religion of Shintoism or emperor worship, plus superstitious magic, made the whole complex problem of religion a destructive force. Yet the Japanese culture brings out wonderful virtues, and the Sayres, like myself, have lost their heart to these people. Of course, I would add the Koreans to this list. Now that Buddhism has been vastly weakened and Shintoism or emperor worship plus the added magic has been destroyed almost completely, these people are at loose ends and without any kind of faith, with the exception of those who are Christians. Christianity has made some real headway; but not nearly the amount that should be made, especially among the working masses and in the rural areas.

At the same time, the communists are hammering away at the workers and at the rural people, and it is only a matter of who is going to get these masses first. communism or Christianity. Only the fool would stand in the way of the ever-expanding missionary program in this part of the world; but it must be done by our best and most outstanding people. We can reap a vast harvest if we will get to work now. Dr. Sayre, I believe, has great vision, and there are some fine clergy over here; although I believe we need some more thought on our program and organization.

I was pleased with St. Paul's University. Of course, all the metal has been stripped from both inside and outside the buildings, as it has been in almost all public buildings, as the Japanese took it for war purposes. This large university is without any kind of central heat, and in many places it was bombed. But they are doing their best to carry on their great work as a Christian school. There are chapel services three times a day, and Dr. Sayre tells me that they are packed on every occasion.

You would think that the Japanese would hold great resentment for the Americans; and yet I have not had an unkind look or word since I have been here. All indicate a desire to cooperate and to serve. We have an opportunity with these people now which is just unlimited. I pray God that we don't fumble the ball this time. If we relegate this to political expediency and party politics, we will deserve the whirlwind we will reap.

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